

The vote by which the first section was ordered to a second reading, was reconsidered.

Mr. Devries submitted the following as a substitute for the whole Report :

SECTION 1. The General Assembly shall at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, proceed to establish a thorough and efficient system of the Public Schools throughout the State.

Sec. 2. The present School system shall remain in force until superseded by the system provided for in the first section of this article.

Sec. 3. The General Assembly shall cause to be levied at each regular Session an annual tax of not less than 10 cents on the \$100 00 of taxable property throughout the State, which tax shall be collected at the same time, and by the same agents as the general levy, such levy to be divided among the several counties and Baltimore city, in proportion to their respective population between the ages of 7 and 20 years.

Sec. 4. The School fund of the State shall be kept inviolate and appropriated only to the purpose of education.

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Barnes submitted the following as a substitute for the whole report :

SECTION 1. The system of Public Education now existing shall continue until the first day of March, 1868, and as soon as this Constitution shall be ratified, shall be under the management and control of the present professor of the State Normal School, who shall receive the same compensation now provided by law for the Superintendent of Public Education in the State. And the votes in the several Election Districts of each county, shall at the first general election, after the ratification of this Constitution, and at each succeeding general election for members of the House of Delegates thereafter, elect one School Commissioner for each Election District in each county, the returns thereof to be made in the same manner now required by law for other county officers, and the persons elected as Commissioners, shall constitute a Board of Public Education for the respective counties where they are chosen, and the Board so constituted shall have power to provide such system of Public Education for their respective counties as they may deem best, and they shall have full power to put the same into effective operation in their respective counties, and the County Commissioners of each county shall from time to time levy upon the assessable property of